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The Order for Morning Prayer.

¶ The Service ſhall be the ſame with the uſual Office for Holy-days, except where it is in this Office otherwiſe appointed.

¶ Let him that Miniſtreth read with a loud voice theſe Sentences of Scripture, and after them the Exhortation, *Dearly beloved brethren*, &c.

TO the Lord our God belong mercies and forgivenesses, tho' we have rebelled againſt him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he ſet before us. Dan. 9. 9, 10.

O Lord, correct us, but with judgment, not in thine anger, leſt thou bring us to nothing. Jer. 10. 24. Pſal. 6. 1.

¶ Inſtead of the *Venite*, this Hymn ſhall be uſed.

O Come, let us humble our ſelves, and fall down before the Lord: with reverence and godly fear. Pſal. 95. 6. Heb. 12. 28

For he is the Lord our God: and we are the people of his paſture, and the ſheep of his hands. Pſal. 95. 7.

Let us repent, and turn every one from his evil way, and from the violence that is in his hands: and the Lord will turn, and repent, and turn away from his fierce anger, that we periſh not. Jonah 3. 8, 9.

For thy Names ſake, O Lord: be merciful unto our ſin, for it is great. Pſal. 25. 10.

Have mercy upon us, O God, after thy great goodneſs: according to the multitude of thy mercies do away our offences. Pſal. 51. 1.

Waſh us throughly from our wickedneſs: and cleanſe us from our ſins. Ver. 2.

Pſal. 25. 6. **O remember not our ſins and offences: but according to thy mercy think thou upon us for thy goodneſs!**

Pſal. 79. 9. Help us, O God of our ſalvation, for the glory of thy Name: O deliver us, and be merciful unto our ſins, for thy Names ſake.

Pſal. 31. 1. **In thee, O Lord, do we put our truſt, let us never be put to confuſion: deliver us in thy righteouſneſs.**

Ver. 2. Bow down thine ear to us: and make haſte to deliver us.

Pſal. 33. 17. **Behold, the eye of the Lord is upon them that fear him; and upon them that put their truſt in his mercy.**

Ver. 18. Pſal. 116. 8. To deliver their ſoul from death: their eyes from tears, and their feet from falling.

Pſal. 18. 5. **Let us call upon the Lord in our trouble: and complain unto our God.**

Ver. 6. So ſhall he hear our voice out of his holy temple: our complaint ſhall come before him, it ſhall enter even into his ears.

Pſal. 22. 4. **Our Fathers hoped in God: they truſted in him, and he did deliver them.**

Ver. 5. They called upon him, and were holpen: they put their truſt in him, and were not confounded.

Iſa. 59. 1. **His hand is not ſhortned, that it cannot ſave: neither is his goodneſs abated, that he ſhould not hear.**

Pſal. 71. 1. For thine own ſake, and for thy holy Names ſake: ſave us, and deliver us in thy righteouſneſs; incline thine ear to us, and ſave us.

Pſal. 44. 5. **Thou art our King, O God: ſend help unto Jacob.**

Pſal. 91. 3, 4. Deliver us from the noiſome peſtilence: let thy faithfulneſs, and truth, be our ſhield and buckler.

Ver. 5. **Preſerve us from all terror by night: and from the arrow that flieth by day.**

Ver. 6. From the peſtilence that walketh in darkneſs: and from the ſickneſs that deſtroyeth in the noon-day.

Give

Give thy holy angels charge of us: to keep us in all our ways. Ver. 11.

Let no evil happen unto us: nor any plague come nigh our dwellings. Ver. 10.

What profit is there in our blood: when we go down into the pit? Pſal. 30. 9.

Shall the duſt give thanks unto thee: ſhall it declare thy truth? Ver. 10.

Hear, O Lord, and have mercy upon us: Lord, be thou our helper. Ver. 11.

O ſave thy people, and give thy bleſſing to thine inheritance: hear the voice of our ſupplications when we cry unto thee. Pſal. 28. 2, 9.

Our ſoul patiently tarrieth for the Lord: for he is our help and ſhield. Pſal. 33. 19.

Let thy merciful kindneſs, O Lord, be upon us: like as we do put our truſt in thee. Ver. 21.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son: and to the Holy Ghoſt;

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever ſhall be: world without end. Amen.

¶ Proper Pſalms, VI, XXXVIII, XXXIX.

1 Leſſon, II. Sam. 24. ver. 11. to the end. *When David*, &c.

¶ After the Firſt Leſſon, ſhall follow *Te Deum laudamus*, in Engliſh.

¶ The Second Leſſon, S. Matth. XXV.

¶ Then *Benedictus*, The *Creed*, &c. to the end of the Lords Prayer.

¶ Then the Prieſt ſtanding up, ſhall ſay,

Prieſt. O Lord, ſhew thy mercy upon us!

Anſw. And grant us thy ſalvation.

Prieſt. O Lord, ſave the King!

Anſw. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Prieſt. Endue thy Miniſters with righteouſneſs.

Anſw. And make thy choſen people joyful.

Prieſt.

Priest. O Lord, save thy people.
Answ. Who put their trust in thee.
Priest. Send them help from thy holy place:
Answ. And evermore mightily defend them.
Priest. Help us, O God our Saviour!
Answ. And for the Glory of thy Name deliver us: O be merciful to us Sinners, for thy Names sake.
Priest. O Lord, hear our prayer,
Answ. And let our cry come unto thee.

¶ Instead of the First Collect at Morning Prayer, let this following be used.

O Most gracious and merciful Lord God, who hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty Repentance, and true Faith, turn unto thee; Look down from Heaven thy dwelling place, with the bowels of pity and compassion, upon the Sorrows and Dangers of thy Servants; who, under the deepest sense of thy amazing Judgments, and their own manifold sins and provocations, prostrate themselves before thee.

We confess, O Lord, with shame and confusion of face, that we have been an incorrigible Nation, a sinful and disobedient People. We have resisted thy Judgments; we have abused thy Goodness; and turned thy Grace into Wantonness. Thou hast called us to the knowledge of thy Gospel; hast delivered us from that Idolatry and Superstition which had utterly over-run us; and preserved thy Holy Religion amongst us in the Truth and Purity of it. But we, most unmindful of these thy great Benefits, have neglected thy Commandments; have abused the knowledge of thy Gospel; have followed our own sinful lusts and passions; and have not served, nor worshipped thee, as we ought to have done. O Lord, to us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against thee: But to thee, our God, belong Mercies

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and Forgivenesses; O shut not up thy Loving-kindness in displeasure; neither be thou angry with us for ever. Deal not with us after our sins, nor reward us according to our iniquities; but grant, that being duly humbled under thy mighty Hand; and by thy dreadful Judgments upon our Neighbouring Nations, brought to a deep sense of our own sins, and to a hearty Repentance for them, we may become fitting Objects of thy Favour and Forgiveness.

O Lord, thine Arrows are gone abroad; they stick fast in the flesh of Multitudes round about us. The Pestilence rageth in their Streets; it goeth about seeking whom it may devour. No Strength can stand against it; it threatens to make whole Cities desolate. And shouldest thou suffer it to spread unto us, and bring us to the dust of Death; yet must we acknowledge, that Righteous art thou, O Lord, and just are thy Judgments. But, O merciful Father, suffer not thy destroying Angel to come among us. Remove this great Calamity from those whom thou hast visited with it: Give them all the Means that are necessary, or may be useful, to their Preservation. Hear their Groans, and bind up their Sores: Comfort them that are Sick; Preserve them that are Well; Receive them that Die to thy Mercy; and grant that both they, and we, whether in Life or Death, may be made Partakers of thy Heavenly Blessings. Keep us, whom thou hast hitherto preserved from this contagious Distemper, in Health and Safety. Thou killest, and makest alive; thou bringest down to the grave, and raisest up again: O let us live, and we will praise thy Name, and thy Judgments shall teach us! Hear us, O Lord, for thy Mercies sake, and deliver us from those Evils which our Sins have most justly deserved, through the alone Merits and Intercession of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then

¶ Then shall follow the *Second* and *Third Collects* at *Morning Prayer*: And, the *Litany*.

¶ After the Prayer in the End of the Litany, [*We humbly beseech thee*, &c.] shall these following be added.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee, that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin, and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then shall the People say this that followeth, after the Minister.

TUrn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Most righteous God, and merciful Father, who by thy dreadful Plagues and Afflictions with which thou hast visited other Nations, and by thy long-suffering towards us, hast shewed the Severity of thy Judgments in punishing, or trying, of them; and the Riches of thy Mercy in hitherto sparing, and forbearing us; We most humbly beseech thee, in thy Judgment to remember Mercy towards them, and to grant us Grace not to despise thy Patience and Goodness towards us, lest the same, or even some worse, Evil come unto us. Suffer us not, O Lord, by our hardness and impenitence, to treasure up to our selves Wrath against the day of Wrath; but vouchsafe us seriously to consider, and to pursue, while there is yet time, the things that make for our peace; That being taught by the Example of their Punishment to fear thy Justice, and moved by a grateful sense of thy Favour and Compassion towards us, to rely upon thy Goodness; we may truly repent us of our sins, and unfeignedly turn to thee, our God, in newness of life; and both escape the Evils we are afraid of, and enjoy

the Continuance of thy Mercy and Loving-kindness towards us, through the merits of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

O Almighty God, to whom alone belong the Issues of Life and Death, who by the manifold instances of Mortality which encompass us on every side, dost call upon us seriously to consider, and to prepare for our own Departure; Give us grace, we beseech thee, to hasten, and not delay the time, to fit our selves for thy Favour and Acceptance. Teach us so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Make us duly to consider how short our Time is, and that there is no Repenting in the Grave whither we are going. O Lord, we know not what may be to morrow; grant us therefore Grace to seek, and to secure that Pardon to day, which we may otherwise never obtain to all Eternity. And being thus prepared for our last end, fortifie our minds against the Fear of Death: Grant that we may not be terrified, as those who have no Hope, at the Apprehension of it, but may be ready, and even desirous, to depart out of this World, and to give up our Souls into thy hands, as into the hands of a most gracious Father, of a most merciful Saviour and Redeemer.

O Lord, whom have we in Heaven but thee? there is none upon Earth that we desire in comparison of thee. Grant, O merciful God, that we may never be separated from thee; but that while we live, we may have our Conversation in Heaven; walking by Faith, not by Sight; and that when we die, we may be received into thy heavenly Habitations; and with all thy Saints and Servants, who have gone before us in thy Faith and Fear, may ever praise and glorifie thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament.

MOst gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, under our most religious and gracious King at this time assembled: That thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare, of our Sovereign and his Kingdoms; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have mercy and to forgive; receive our humble petitions; and though we be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, for the honour of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

¶ The General Thanksgiving.

ALmighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving kindness to us and to all men. [* Particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.] We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and

* *This to be said when any that have been prayed for, desire to return praise.*

for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

¶ A Prayer of St. *Chrysostom.*

ALmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests; Fulfil now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Cor. 13. 14.

THe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. Amen.

Here endeth the Order of Morning Prayer.

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The Communion Service.

¶ After the Prayer for the King, [*Almighty God, whose Kingdom is everlasting,*] shall be read the *Collect* of the Day, as in the *Morning Prayer*, [*O most Gracious and Merciful Lord God,* &c.] And then shall follow,

For the Epistle. Joel II. Ver. 12.

THerefore also now, saith the Lord, turn ye even to me with all your heart, and with fasting, and with weeping, and with mourning. And rent your heart, and not your garments, and turn unto the Lord your God: for he is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and of great kindness, and repenteth him of the evil. Who knoweth if he will return and repent, and leave a blessing behind him, even a meat-offering, and a drink-offering unto the Lord your God? Blow the trumpet in Zion, sanctifie a fast, call a solemn assembly, Gather the people: sanctifie the congregation: assemble the elders: gather the children, and those that suck the breasts: let the bridegroom go forth of his chamber, and the bride out of her closet. Let the priests, the ministers of the Lord, weep between the porch and the altar, and let them say, Spare thy people, O Lord, and give not thine heritage to reproach; that the heathen should rule over them: wherefore should they say among the people, Where is their God?

The Gospel. S. Luke XIII. Ver. 1.

THere were present at that season, some that told him of the Galileans, whose blood Pilate had mingled

mingled with their sacrifices. And Jesus answering, said unto them, Suppose ye that these Galileans were sinners above all the Galileans, because they suffered such things? I tell you, Nay: But except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. Or those eighteen, upon whom the tower in Siloam fell, and slew them, think ye that they were sinners above all men that dwelt in Jerusalem? I tell you, Nay: but except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish. He spake also this parable: A certain man had a fig-tree planted in his vineyard, and he came and sought fruit thereon, and found none. Then said he unto the dresser of his vineyard, Behold, these three years I come seeking fruit on this fig-tree, and find none: cut it down, why cumbreth it the ground? And he answering, said unto him, Lord, let it alone this year also, till I shall dig about it, and dung it: And if it bear fruit, well: and if not, then after that, thou shalt cut it down.

¶ Then shall be said the Creed following.

I Believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, And of all things visible and invisible:

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only begotten Son of God, Begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of very God, Begotten, not made, Being of one substance with the Father, By whom all things were made: Who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Ghost of the Virgin Mary, And was made man, And was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, And ascended into heaven, And sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead: Whose kingdom shall have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Ghost, the Lord and giver of life, Who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, Who with the Father and the Son together is worshipped and glorified, Who spake by the prophets. And I believe one Catholick and Apostolick Church. I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, And I look for the Resurrection of the dead, And the life of the world to come. Amen.

¶ Then shall follow the Sermon: After which for the Offertory shall these Sentences be used.

While we have time, let us do good unto all men, and especially to them that are of the household of faith.

Blessed be the man that provideth for the sick and needy; the Lord shall deliver him in the time of trouble.

Let us pray for the whole state of Christs Church militant here in earth.

ALmighty and everliving God, who by thy holy Apostle hast taught us to make prayers and supplications, and to give thanks for all men; We humbly beseech thee most mercifully [to accept our alms and oblations, and] to receive these our prayers which we offer unto thy Divine Majesty, beseeching thee to inspire continually the universal Church with the spirit of truth, unity, and concord: and grant that all they that do confess thy holy Name may agree in the truth of thy holy Word, and live in unity and godly love. We beseech thee also to save and defend all Christian kings, princes, and governors; and especially thy servant GEORGE, our King, that under him we may be godly and quietly governed: And grant unto his whole Council, and to all that are put in Authority under him, that they may truly

If there be no Alms or Oblations, then shall the words [*of accepting our Alms and Oblations*] be left out Unsaid.

truly and indifferently minister justice, to the punishment of wickedness and vice, and to the maintenance of thy true Religion and Virtue. Give grace, O heavenly Father, to all Bishops and Curates, that they may both by their life and doctrine set forth thy true and lively word, and rightly and duly administer thy holy Sacraments: And to all thy people give thy heavenly grace; and especially to this Congregation here present, that with meek heart and due reverence, they may hear and receive thy holy Word, truly serving thee in holiness and righteousness all the days of their life. And we most humbly beseech thee of thy goodness, O Lord, to comfort and succour all them, who in this transitory life are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity. And we also bless thy holy Name, for all thy servants departed this life in thy faith and fear; beseeching thee to give us grace so to follow their good examples, that with them we may be partakers of thy heavenly Kingdom. Grant this, O Father, for Jesus Christs sake, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for this Church and Kingdom.

O Almighty and most gracious Lord God, whose Judgments against obstinate Sinners are most severe and terrible, and whose Mercies infinite to those who truly repent of their sins, and seek to thee for Pardon and Forgiveness; We the sinful people of this Land, do acknowledge before thee, to thy glory, and our own shame, that never any Nation under Heaven had more experience of all the instances of thy Goodness, nor yet did ever any more shamefully abuse them. We were brought to the brink of ruin, and amazed at the danger of being at once deprived of the free profession and exercise of thy true Religon,

and of our own Civil Rights and Liberties: We were almost given up as a prey to Arbitrary Power, Idolatry, and Superstition; yet did not that great Deliverance, which thou wast then pleased to send us, work in us either a due Thankfulness for thy Mercy, or a religious Fear of thy Judgments. Even whilst thou hast been fighting for us against our enemies abroad, and defending us against the secret Designs, and open Attempts, of their Accomplices at home, we have fought against thee by our sins and impenitence. And now we are no more worthy to be called thy sons, or thy servants, whom neither thy Terrors have driven, nor thy Goodness led to Repentance. We confess, O Lord, that it is of thy mercy alone that we are not consumed: thy unwearied patience hath prevailed, that thou hast not long since given us over to Destruction. We adore thy infinite Goodness, that we are still under thy Discipline, and that thou of very Faithfulness dost at this time cause us to be troubled. In mercy awaken our drowsie consciences to a serious consideration of our present Danger. Soften and subdue our hard, impenitent Hearts, into a true Contrition and Repentance. Pardon the many and great offences of us thy servants, and the crying sins of the whole Nation. Preserve us from the Evil we are afraid of, and suffer not the Contagion of it to come near our Borders. Pour out the riches of thy Blessings, Spiritual and Temporal, upon thy Servant, our Sovereign King GEORGE, whom thou hast set over this Church and Nation: Give him all those heavenly graces that are requisite for so high a Trust. Let thy work prosper in his hands; let his eyes behold the Success of his Designs for the service of thy true Religion established amongst us; and make him a blessed Instrument of protecting and advancing thy truth wherever it is persecuted and oppressed. Bless the High Court of Parliament now assembled; endue

every Member of it with thy heavenly grace, and wisdom from above; and grant that all their Counsels and Endeavours may tend to the glory of thy great Name, the advancement of Piety and Justice, the preservation of the Church established, and the security, peace, and prosperity of the whole Realm. Finally, we beseech thee, O Lord, to pour out upon all Orders and Degrees of Men among us, a Spirit of Love, Unity, and Concord, that being reconciled to thee our God, and at peace with one another, we may be defended against all our Enemies, and serve thee without fear, in holiness and righteousness before thee all the Days of our life, through Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for all the Reformed Churches.

O God, who of thy great goodness hast united us into thy holy Church, the mystical body of thy Son; we as living members thereof, mourning with them that mourn, and rejoycing with them that do rejoyce, present our Supplications and Prayers at the throne of thy Grace, on the behalf of all the Reformed Churches; beseeching thee to look down in an especial manner, with an eye of mercy and pity, upon the sad and mournful estate of such of them, as still labour under any Troubles or Persecutions for Righteousness sake. Suffer not thine Enemies to triumph over thine Heritage. Plead thy Cause with them who corrupt thy Truth, and afflict thy Servants. Shew thy self to be their mighty Deliverer, that all men may see it, and say, Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth. Enlighten those who are in Darkness and Error, and open their eyes to the acknowledgment of thy Truth: That so we may all become one Flock under the one great Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

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¶ A Prayer for Unity.

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace, look down with much pity and compassion upon this Church and Nation, now seeking unto thee in Fasting and Prayer; and grant, that our Humiliation and Repentance may have that blessed effect, that we may all cleanse our selves from all filthiness both of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in thy fear. Give us grace, O Lord, seriously to lay to heart the great dangers we are in by our unhappy Divisions. Root out of our hearts all pride and bitterness, all hatred and prejudices, and whatsoever else may hinder us from Godly Union and Concord. Endue us with that true spirit of Religion, which is first pure, and then peaceable: And grant that as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, one Hope of our Calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all; so we may henceforth be all of one heart, and one Mind, united in one holy Bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity; and may with one Mind and one Mouth glorifie thee our God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Assist us mercifully, O Lord, in these our supplications and prayers, and dispose the way of thy servants towards the attainment of everlasting salvation; that among all the changes and chances of this mortal life, they may ever be defended by thy most gracious and ready help, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Grant we beseech thee, Almighty God, that the words which we have heard this day with our outward ears, may through thy grace be so grafted in-

wardly in our hearts, that they may bring forth in us the fruit of good living, to the honour and praise of thy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

ALmighty God, who hast promised to hear the petitions of them that ask in thy Sons Name; We beseech thee mercifully to incline thine ears to us that have made now our prayers and supplications unto thee, and grant that those things which we have faithfully asked according to thy will, may effectually be obtained, to the relief of our necessity, and to the setting forth of thy glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then the Priest (or Bishop, if he be present) shall let them depart with this Blessing.

THe peace of God which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord: and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost, be amongst you, and remain with you always. Amen.

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TO the Lord our God belong mercies and forgiveneſſes, tho' we have rebelled againſt him: neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his laws which he ſet before us. Dan. 9. 9, 10.

O Lord, correct us, but with judgment; not in thine anger, leſt thou bring us to nothing. Jer. 10. 24. Pſal. 6. 1.

¶ The *Hymn* appointed to be uſed at *Morning Prayer*, inſtead of the *Venite*, &c. ſhall here alſo be uſed, before the *Proper Pſalms*.

¶ Proper Pſalms, LXXXVI, XC, XCI.

¶ The Firſt Leſſon, Iſaiah I.

Magnificat. S. Luke I. 46.

My ſoul doth magnifie the Lord, &c.

¶ The Second Leſſon, 1 Cor. X. to Ver. 14.

Deus miſereatur. Pſalm LXVII.

God be merciful unto us, &c.

¶ Then the *Creed*, &c. to the end of the Lords Prayer.

¶ Then the Prieſt ſtanding up, ſhall ſay,

O Lord, ſhew thy mercy upon us!
Anſw. And grant us thy ſalvation.
Prieſt. O Lord, ſave the King!
Anſw. And mercifully hear us when we call upon thee.

Prieſt.

Priest. Endue thy Ministers with righteousness.
Answ. And make thy chosen people joyful.
Priest. O Lord, save thy people!
Answ. Who put their trust in thee.
Priest. Send them help from thy holy place:
Answ. And evermore mightily defend them.
Priest. Help us, O God our Saviour!
Answ. And for the Glory of thy Name deliver us: O be merciful to us sinners, for thy Names sake.
Priest. O Lord, hear our prayer,
Answ. And let our cry come unto thee.

¶ Instead of the First Collect at Evening Prayer, let this following be used.

O Most gracious and merciful Lord God, who hast promised forgiveness of sins to all them that with hearty Repentance, and true Faith, turn unto thee; Look down from Heaven thy dwelling-place, with the bowels of pity and compassion, upon the Sorrows and Dangers of thy Servants; who, under the deepest sense of thy amazing Judgments, and their own manifold sins and provocations, prostrate themselves before thee.

We confess, O Lord, with shame and confusion of face, that we have been an incorrigible Nation, a sinful and disobedient People. We have resisted thy Judgments; we have abused thy Goodness; and turned thy Grace into Wantonness. Thou hast called us to the knowledge of thy Gospel; hast delivered us from that Idolatry and Superstition which had utterly over-run us; and preserved thy Holy Religion amongst us in the truth and purity of it. But we, most unmindful of these thy great Benefits, have neglected thy Commandments; have abused the knowledge of thy Gospel; have followed our own sinful lusts and passions; and have not served, nor worshipped thee, as we ought to have done. O Lord, to us belong shame and confusion of face, because we have sinned against

against thee: But to thee, our God, belong Mercies and Forgivenesses; O shut not up thy Loving-kindness in displeasure; neither be thou angry with us for ever. Deal not with us after our sins, nor reward us according to our iniquities; but grant, that being duly humbled under thy mighty hand; and, by thy dreadful Judgments upon our Neighbouring Nations, brought to a deep sense of our own sins, and to a hearty Repentance for them, we may become fitting Objects of thy Favour and Forgiveness.

O Lord, thine Arrows are gone abroad; they stick fast in the flesh of Multitudes round about us. The Pestilence rageth in their Streets; it goeth about seeking whom it may devour. No Strength can stand against it; it threatens to make whole Cities desolate. And shouldest thou suffer it to spread unto us, and bring us to the dust of Death; yet must we acknowledge, that Righteous art thou, O Lord, and just are thy Judgments. But, O merciful Father, suffer not thy destroying Angel to come among us. Remove this great Calamity from those whom thou hast visited with it: Give them all the Means that are necessary, or may be useful, to their Preservation. Hear their Groans, and bind up their Sores: Comfort them that are Sick; Preserve them that are Well; Receive them that Die to thy Mercy; and grant that both they, and we, whether in Life or Death, may be made Partakers of thy Heavenly Blessings. Keep us, whom thou hast hitherto preserved from this contagious Distemper, in Health and Safety. Thou killest, and makest alive; thou bringest down to the grave, and raisest up again: O let us live, and we will praise thy Name, and thy Judgments shall teach us! Hear us, O Lord, for thy Mercies sake, and deliver us from those Evils which our Sins have most justly deserved, through the alone Merits and Intercession of thy dear Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ The

¶ The second Collect at Evening Prayer.

O God, from whom all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works do proceed; Give unto thy servants that peace which the world cannot give, that both our hearts may be set to obey thy commandments, and also that by thee we being defended from the fear of our enemies, may pass our time in rest and quietness, through the merits of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.

¶ The third Collect for Aid against all Perils.

Lighten our darkness, we beseech thee, O Lord, and by thy great mercy defend us from all perils and dangers of this night, for the love of thy only Son our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent; Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Lord, we beseech thee mercifully hear our prayers, and spare all those who confess their sins unto thee, that they whose consciences by sin are accused, by thy merciful pardon may be absolved, through Christ our Lord. Amen.

O Most mighty God, and merciful Father, who hast compassion upon all men, and hatest nothing that thou hast made, who wouldest not the death of a sinner, but that he should rather turn from his sin,

and be saved; Mercifully forgive us our trespasses; receive and comfort us, who are grieved and wearied with the burden of our sins. Thy property is always to have mercy; to thee only it appertaineth to forgive sins. Spare us therefore, good Lord, spare thy people whom thou hast redeemed; enter not into judgment with thy servants, who are vile earth, and miserable sinners; but so turn thine anger from us, who meekly acknowledge our vileness, and truly repent us of our faults; and so make haste to help us in this world, that we may ever live with thee in the world to come, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ Then shall the People say this that followeth, after the Minister.

TUrn thou us, O good Lord, and so shall we be turned. Be favourable, O Lord, be favourable to thy people, who turn to thee in weeping, fasting, and praying. For thou art a merciful God, full of compassion, long-suffering, and of great pity. Thou sparest when we deserve punishment, and in thy wrath thinkest upon mercy. Spare thy people, good Lord, spare them, and let not thine heritage be brought to confusion. Hear us, O Lord, for thy mercy is great, and after the multitude of thy mercies look upon us, through the merits and mediation of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

OMost righteous God, and merciful Father, who by thy dreadful Plagues and Afflictions with which thou hast visited other Nations, and by thy long-suffering towards us, hast shewed the severity of thy Judgments in punishing or trying of them; and the riches of thy Mercy in hitherto sparing and forbearing us; We most humbly beseech thee, in thy Judgment to remember Mercy towards them, and to

grant us grace not to despise thy Patience and Goodness towards us, lest the same, or even some worse Evil, come unto us. Suffer us not, O Lord, by our hardness and impenitence, to treasure up to our selves Wrath against the day of Wrath; but vouchsafe us seriously to consider, and to pursue, while there is yet time, the things that make for our peace; that being taught by the Example of their Punishment to fear thy Justice, and moved by a grateful sense of thy Favour and Compassion towards us, to rely upon thy Goodness; we may truly repent us of our sins, and unfeignedly turn to thee our God, in newness of life; and both escape the Evils we are afraid of, and enjoy the continuance of thy Mercy and Loving-kindness towards us, through the merits of thy blessed Son, Jesus Christ, our only Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

O Almighty God, to whom alone belong the Issues of Life and Death, who by the manifold instances of Mortality which encompass us on every side, dost call upon us seriously to consider, and to prepare for our own Departure; Give us grace, we beseech thee, to hasten, and not delay the time, to fit our selves for thy Favour and Acceptance. Teach us so to number our days, that we may apply our hearts unto wisdom. Make us duly to consider how short our Time is, and that there is no Repenting in the Grave whither we are going. O Lord, we know not what may be to morrow; grant us therefore grace to seek, and to secure that Pardon to day, which we may otherwise never obtain to all Eternity. And being thus prepared for our last end, fortifie our minds against the Fear of Death: Grant that we may not be terrified, as those who have no Hope, at the Apprehension of it; but may be ready, and even desirous, to depart out of this world, and to give up our souls into thy hands, as into

into the hands of a most gracious Father, of a most merciful Saviour and Redeemer.

O Lord, whom have we in Heaven but thee? there is none upon earth that we desire in comparison of thee. Grant, O merciful God, that we may never be separated from thee; but that while we live, we may have our Conversation in Heaven; walking by Faith, not by Sight; and that when we die, we may be received into thy heavenly Habitations; and with all thy Saints and Servants who have gone before us in thy Faith and Fear, may ever praise and glorifie thy holy Name, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for the Kings Majesty.

O Lord, our heavenly Father, high and mighty, King of kings, Lord of lords, the only Ruler of princes, who dost from thy throne behold all the dwellers upon earth; most heartily we beseech thee with thy favour to behold our most gracious Sovereign Lord King GEORGE, and so replenish him with the grace of thy Holy Spirit, that he may alway incline to thy will, and walk in thy way: Endue him plenteously with heavenly gifts, grant him in health and wealth long to live, strengthen him that he may vanquish and overcome all his enemies; and finally after this life he may attain everlasting joy and felicity, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for the Royal Family.

Almighty God, the fountain of all goodness, we humbly beseech thee to bless his Royal Highness George Prince of Wales, the Princess, and their Issue, and all the Royal Family: Endue them with thy Holy Spirit; enrich them with thy heavenly grace; prosper them with all happiness; and bring them to thine everlasting Kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for the Clergy and People.

ALmighty and everlasting God, who alone worketh great marvels; Send down upon our Bishops and Curates, and all Congregations committed to their charge, the healthful Spirit of thy grace; and that they may truly please thee, pour upon them the continual dew of thy blessing. Grant this, O Lord, for the honour of our Advocate and Mediator, Jesus Christ. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for the High Court of Parliament.

MOst gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, under our most religious and gracious King at this time assembled: That thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour, and welfare, of our Sovereign and his Kingdoms; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety, may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries for them, for us, and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for this Church and Kingdom.

OAlmighty and most gracious Lord God, whose Judgments against obstinate sinners are most severe and terrible, and whose Mercies infinite to those who truly repent of their sins, and seek to thee for Pardon and Forgiveness; We the sinful people of this Land do acknowledge before thee, to thy glory, and our own shame, that never any Nation under Heaven

heaven had more experience of all the instances of thy Goodness, nor yet did ever any more shamefully abuse them. We were brought to the brink of ruin, and amazed at the danger of being at once deprived of the free profession and exercise of thy true Religion, and of our own Civil Rights and Liberties: We were almost given up as a prey to Arbitrary Power, Idolatry, and Superstition; yet did not that great Deliverance, which thou wast then pleased to send us, work in us either a due Thankfulness for thy Mercy, or a religious Fear of thy Judgments. Even whilst thou hast been fighting for us against our Enemies abroad, and defending us against the secret Designs, and open Attempts, of their Accomplices at home, we have fought against thee by our sins and impenitence. And now we are no more worthy to be called thy sons, or thy servants, whom neither thy Terrors have driven, nor thy Goodness led to Repentance. We confess, O Lord, that it is of thy mercy alone that we are not consumed: thy unwearied patience hath prevailed, that thou hast not long since given us over to Destruction. We adore thy infinite Goodness that we are still under thy Discipline, and that thou of very Faithfulness dost at this time cause us to be troubled. In mercy awaken our drowsie consciences to a serious consideration of our present Danger. Soften and subdue our hard impenitent Hearts, into a true Contrition and Repentance. Pardon the many and great Offences of us thy servants, and the crying sins of the whole Nation. Preserve us from the Evil we are afraid of, and suffer not the Contagion of it to come near our Borders. Pour out the riches of thy Blessings, Spiritual and Temporal, upon thy Servant, our Sovereign King GEORGE, whom thou hast set over this Church and Nation: Give him all those heavenly graces that are requisite for so high a Trust. Let thy work prosper in his hands; let his eyes behold the Success

less of his Designs for the service of thy true Religion established amongst us; and make him a blessed Instrument of protecting and advancing thy truth wherever it is persecuted and oppressed. Bless the High Court of Parliament now assembled; endue every Member of it with thy heavenly grace and wisdom from above, and grant that all their Counsels and Endeavours may tend to the glory of thy great Name, the advancement of Piety and Justice, the preservation of the Church established, and the security, peace, and prosperity of the whole Realm. Finally, we beseech thee, O Lord, to pour out upon all Orders and Degrees of Men among us, a Spirit of Love, Unity, and Concord, that being reconciled to thee our God, and at peace with one another, we may be defended against all our Enemies, and serve thee without fear, in holiness and righteousness before thee all the Days of our life, through Jesus Christ our blessed Saviour and Redeemer. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for all the Reformed Churches.

O God, who of thy great goodness hast united us into thy holy Church, the mystical body of thy Son; we as living Members thereof, mourning with them that mourn, and rejoycing with them that do rejoyce, present our Supplications and Prayers at the throne of thy Grace, on the behalf of all the Reformed Churches; beseeching thee to look down in an especial manner, with an eye of mercy and pity, upon the sad and mournful estate of such of them, as still labour under any Troubles or Persecutions for Righteousness sake. Suffer not thine Enemies to triumph over thine Heritage. Plead thy Cause with them who corrupt thy Truth, and afflict thy Servants. Shew thy self to be their mighty Deliverer, that all men may see it, and say, Verily there is a God that judgeth in the earth. Enlighten those who are in

Darkness and Error, and open their eyes to the acknowledgment of thy Truth: That so we may all become one Flock under the one great Shepherd and Bishop of our Souls, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

¶ A Prayer for Unity.

O God the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, our only Saviour, the Prince of Peace, look down with much pity and compassion upon this Church and Nation, now seeking unto thee in Fasting and Prayer; and grant, that our Humiliation and Repentance may have that blessed effect, that we may all cleanse our selves from all filthiness both of flesh and spirit, perfecting holiness in thy fear. Give us grace, O Lord, seriously to lay to heart the great Dangers we are in by our unhappy Divisions. Root out of our hearts all pride and bitterness, all hatred and prejudices, and whatsoever else may hinder us from Godly Union and Concord. Endue us with that true Spirit of Religion, which is first pure, and then peaceable: And grant that as there is but one Body, and one Spirit, one Hope of our Calling, one Lord, one Faith, one Baptism, one God and Father of us all; so we may henceforth be all of one Heart, and one Mind, united in one holy Bond of Truth and Peace, of Faith and Charity; and may with one Mind and one Mouth glorifie thee our God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

O God, whose nature and property is ever to have Mercy, and to forgive; receive our humble Petitions; and though We be tied and bound with the chain of our sins, yet let the pitifulness of thy great mercy loose us, for the Honour of Jesus Christ our Mediator and Advocate. Amen.

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¶ The General Thanksgiving.

ALmighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all thy goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all men, [* Particularly to those who desire now to offer up their praises and thanksgivings for thy late mercies vouchsafed unto them.] We bless thee for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life, but above all for thine inestimable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And we beseech thee give us that due sense of all thy mercies, that our hearts may be unfeignedly thankful, and that we may shew forth thy praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to thy service, and by walking before thee in holiness and righteousness all our days, through Jesus Christ our Lord; to whom with thee and the Holy Ghost be all honour and glory, world without end. Amen.

** This to be said when any that have been prayed for, desire to return praise.*

¶ A Prayer of St. *Chrysostom*.

ALmighty God, who hast given us grace at this time, with one accord, to make our common supplications unto thee, and dost promise, that when two or three are gathered together in thy Name, thou wilt grant their requests: Fulfil, now, O Lord, the desires and petitions of thy servants, as may be most expedient for them; granting us in this world, knowledge of thy truth, and in the world to come life everlasting. Amen.

2 Cor. 13. 14.

THe grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Ghost be with us all evermore. Amen.

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